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SANTA IS NOT COMING TO TOWN; HE'S HERE TO STAY. This should gladden the hearts of Filipinos who have this enduring love affair with Christmas. Over at the two-story Casa Santa in Antipolo with its every nook and cranny lit with 2,416 lights, symbols, knick-knacks, figurines, etc. of that ho-ho-hello, Christmas is endlessly celebrated. The items are from the private collection of businessman Edro del Rosario. (See story below.)

PDEA names DOJ Usec

Blancaflor followed up Alabang 3 release, says drugs body exec

By Arlyn dela Cruz
Contributor

AN UNDERSECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF Justice (DOJ) asked the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) a few days before Christmas why it was not setting free the three "Alabang Boys" despite a resolution signed by Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuffo ordering their release.

The head of the PDEA Special Enforcement Division, which arrested the three suspects, identified the justice undersecretary as Ricardo Eleazar Flores.

Major Ferdinand Macabulos said he was surprised that a justice undersecretary was staying him up, noting that it was the first time he received a call on his office phone from Manila.

"Pade sa, bakit hindi pa naging ayan-release [it's Christmas. Why are you not releasing them]?" Macabulos quoted

Blancaflor as asking him.

The undersecretary was referring to Richard Bruden, Jorge Joseph and Joseph Tesoro who were arrested on Sept. 20, four hours apart in Alabang Greater in Quezon City and in Ayala Alabang, Marikina for possession of marijuana, cocaine and ecstasy.

In a Dec. 2 resolution signed by Zuffo, the three rich young men were ordered released citing, among others, illegal arrest.

POD NAME/AA

IN HER OWN WORDS

Miriam goes gaga over first 'apo'

Opinion by the Inquirer
By Sen. Miriam
Defensor Santiago

MY FIRST AND SO FAR ONLY grandchild, educated Mia, was born Dec. 6, 2007. Hence, in the third person, sometimes I call her the "Supermodel Conception," as in, "Is immaculate Conception made?"

But none of the time, I call her the "Grand Supergirl," because like all babies, she is very inquisitive and curious that the world must be a living.

When I first saw Mia at the hospital nursery, she all but looked like a white-hot, wise, old woman. The nurses said she had the strongest lungs in the newborn facility and Mia let them all know about it when she let out a wailing cry.

I had lost my son only four years before, as a grandchild

MEMORIAL AA



ELECTRIFYING DUO? Gabriela Piller and first grandchild Mia have love over a whole generation. One is that an instant-day when people touch them, they get a little jolt of static electricity yet both do not "shock" each other. Mia and the woman are also both "super-tough."

DFA moves to evacuate 120 Pinoys from Gaza

By Cynthia D. Balena
and Kristine L. Alava

THE PHILIPPINES YESTERDAY prepared to evacuate about 120 "settled" Filipinos—mostly women and children—trapped in war-torn Gaza in the Middle East, where Israeli bomb-bombardment has killed more than 400 Palestinians over the past week.

A Reuters report said an Israeli air strike on Saturday killed a senior commander of the Hamas armed wing, the second militant leader to be reported killed in the past three days as a result of Israeli bombing from the air and sea. (See story on Page A6.)

"We are prepared to evacuate all 20 Filipino families, all from Gaza, but final figures will depend on their own decision."

OPINION AA

'Alabang Boys' supplied high-end Metro clubs, bars with drugs—PDEA

By Terra Quinsanda

THE PHILIPPINE DRUG Enforcement Agency (PDEA) yesterday tagged the so-called "Alabang Boys" as a syndicate that sold illegal drugs at the Marikina club circuit and did business online.

PDEA Director General Danilo Santiago yesterday said Richard Bruden, Jorge Joseph and Joseph Tesoro were part of a "cell" of a syndicate that brought money to high-end clubs and bars in Metro Manila and supplied the drug to as far as Baguio.

"They have their own areas of

coverage. They are part of a cell that has one area of operation and also goes online [to do business]," Santiago told the business when reached by phone yesterday.

Santiago gave details of the group's operations after declaring two weeks ago an alleged P50-million battle for the Department of Justice's demand of drug charges against the three young men, who were arrested in Alabang Greater in Quezon City and Ayala Alabang, Marikina in Sept. 20.

The trio, whose camp infamously denied the belief chain, are still detained in PDEA's custody.

ALABANG AA

'Brrrace' for colder January, says Pagasa



By Alvin Page

THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE TO BRACE ITSELF for more cold weather and bad roads, a development which is expected to result in less electricity bills as households refrain from using aircons and electric fans.

Yesterday, temperatures dipped to 15.2 degrees centigrade at around 6:30 a.m. at the

weather bureau's facility on Agriman Road in Quezon City. On Jan. 2, the temperature was recorded at 21.8 degrees.

In Baguio City, temperatures plunged to 6.8 degrees yesterday and 12.8 degrees on Jan. 2.

"We expect the temperature to continue to drop," said

BARRAGE AA

Christmas over but Santa's house in Antipolo weaves magic all-year round

By Di'Ng

IN THIS ENCHANTING CRAN-ny of Antipolo's rolling hills, visitors are transported to a different time and place, where one becomes a child again, it is Christmas every day, and Santa

Claus is, quite literally, every-where.

Here at Casa Santa, nestled in the verdant landscape of Jambura de Minsan on San Jose Extension, stands a two-story mansion built in honor of the jolly old man in red suit.

One finds in this charming house all manner of Santa Claus trinkets—figurines, toys, dolls and other items—from the personal collection of businessman Edro del Rosario that could be the largest of its kind in the country.

At least count, there are 2,410 Santa Clauses here of virtually every shape and size, from master-long figurines to cartoonish long ones.

There's a dancing Santa in hip-hop attire, a Santa lying in

CHRISTMAS AA

John Travolta's
16-year-old son found
dead in Bahamas
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Kobe fires
40 as Lakers
teach Jazz
/ SPORTS A14

RP baseball makes its presence felt abroad

By Marc Anthony Reyes

MANILA, PHILIPPINES—DISHED-OUT TWO complete series in 2008, charming no-phony of Asian fans, the Philippine national baseball team is making its presence felt abroad.

The year started right after the league lost one of its most exciting pitchers, Mañalac. Mañalac was injured in a game against the Japanese national team and was not added to the Japanese national team's roster.

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EXPECTED another two home runs under the bat of Mañalac (left) and the San Miguel Beermen coach (right) in the 2008 season.

Beermen face Express in KO match today

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By Marc Anthony Reyes

MANILA, PHILIPPINES—THE SAN MIGUEL BEERMEN will face the Express in a KO match today.

ACCI made two home runs, looking to follow up on a perfect season with a victory over the Express.

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The Express earned this KO opportunity against the Beermen by winning the first game.

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Express began with a debut for the Express in their game, giving ACCI, who will be the most likely player to win the KO match.

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Badminton body hires Indonesian head coach

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PHILIPPINE BADMINTON FED. INC. has hired a new head coach for the national team.

The PBA has also hired Indonesian coach Lina Satrio, who has had success training local group players in the country.

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Guiao mum on coaching offers

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SPORTSWATCH

PCSO boxing gets going THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BOXING FED. INC. has started its boxing season.

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Rivero shines as RP jins bag 4 Asean gold medals

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THE PHILIPPINES, POWERED BY two-time Olympic medalist Rivero, brought home four gold medals at the recent Asian Championships.

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Sunday SPORTS

Kobe fires 40 as Lakers torch Jazz

LOS ANGELES—Kobe Bryant poked up right where he left off the last time he lead the Utah Jazz, scoring a game-high 40 points to pace the surging Los Angeles Lakers to their 113-90 home victory on Friday.

It was the last meeting between the teams since the Lakers defeated the Jazz 4-1 in last season's best-of-seven NBA Finals. Bryant scored 33 points, but the Jazz dominated with 33.2 points per contest, seven rebounds and 7.2 assists.

This time, the Jazz added the injury's sting, starting MJ with 21 points, negating the \$200,000 prize money in the process. The fourth-power forward added 11 re-

bounds and six assists to help Los Angeles hold off the embittered Jazz and win their 25th straight game.

"There was a nice way for us to meet off the New Year," Bryant added with a grin, after recording 12 points, nine rebounds and five assists off the bench. "We had to tighten up the defense. We did well against their fast break. They are a tough team, and their coach is smart."

In addition, the Lakers scored 20 points on nearly perfect shooting and the former Celtics scored four from a single seat late in the first half.

The Celtics used 1.3 on New Year's Eve, coming after the last 24-point shot in 1984.

History 27-2. With the victory, they became 18-1 at home.

Bryant made his last jump shot and all the Lakers' attempts before missing his 40 and shot, a 3-point shot, but Grizzlies' Perkins converted the offensive rebound with 1:30 remaining in the third quarter. Bryant led the game with 40 overall but in the period, with the Celtics about 63-55 and score tied.

Phil Young led the Pistons with 25 points.

Cavaliers (17, Bulk 92)

At Cleveland, Indiana, Pacers scored a career-high 26 points for Cleveland, and the

first round had 18 points, 11 assists and 20 rebounds for the first triple-double of the season and the 10th of Bryant's.

COMPLETE NBA RESULTS: Chicago 93, Dallas 76; Toronto 84, Boston 73; New Jersey 81, Atlanta 77; New York 92, Detroit 88; Phoenix 88, San Antonio 77; Memphis 83, Dallas 77; Oklahoma City 92, Denver 80; Sacramento 92, Minnesota 75; Dallas 90, San Jose 86; Philadelphia 81, Phoenix 88; LA, Chicago 92.

New Orleans 82, Portland 77; LA, Lakers 113, Utah 98.



KOBE Bryant goes up for one of his 40 points against the Utah Jazz.

Professional pool league set to kick off this year

THE PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL BILLIARD LEAGUE (PNBL) is set to kick off early this year, giving fans to hope that 2001 will be a better one for the sport.

"The PNBL is definitely going to be a professional, well-organized league," said Philadelphian, pool, and professional player, "Frank" Papp. "We are going to build to create our solid league and to make it become an event to make sure that we have all the fans before we launch it. We want to make it a success."

The PNBL is a franchise of Papp, which he co-owns along with a group of other players and producing several top-level tournaments in cooperation with TV network Fox Sports Net.

"The players, the managers, and the rest of the billiard community are very excited to see the birth of the league that will elevate the sport of billiard to new heights," said Papp. "We are looking forward to the PNBL's success and the future of the sport."

Founded after the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA), the PNBL will have the country's top ten players, led by Papp's legend, "Babe" Reyes, known for his skills and his "Papp's 1-Point Shot" (Papp's "Bounce Shot"). Reyes, known for his skills and his "Papp's 1-Point Shot" (Papp's "Bounce Shot"), along with a number of up-and-coming stars playing in various leagues in the country.

The PNBL will have eight teams of players each consisting of regular, double, and elite players.

Manning bags football MVP trophy

NEW YORK—INDIANAPOLIS COLTS quarterback Peyton Manning was named NFL Most Valuable Player for the third time by The Associated Press on Friday, tying Brett Favre for the most honors.

Manning was a franchise player in leading to a 15-win season of 30 points, yards and touchdowns who won the NFL MVP. Manning also won the league MVP in 2001, when he shared it with Tom

Brady. Manning won the MVP award in 2001.

Manning, who won the MVP award in 1995 and '96, has been named the NFL MVP for the third time. Manning won the MVP award in 1997.

"I know it's an individual award, but it's an honor," Manning said. "I'm a team player." Manning, who won the MVP award in 1997, won the MVP award in 1997.

"It's been a great season for me. I've been a great player for the Colts, and I've been a great player for the Colts. I've been a great player for the Colts, and I've been a great player for the Colts."

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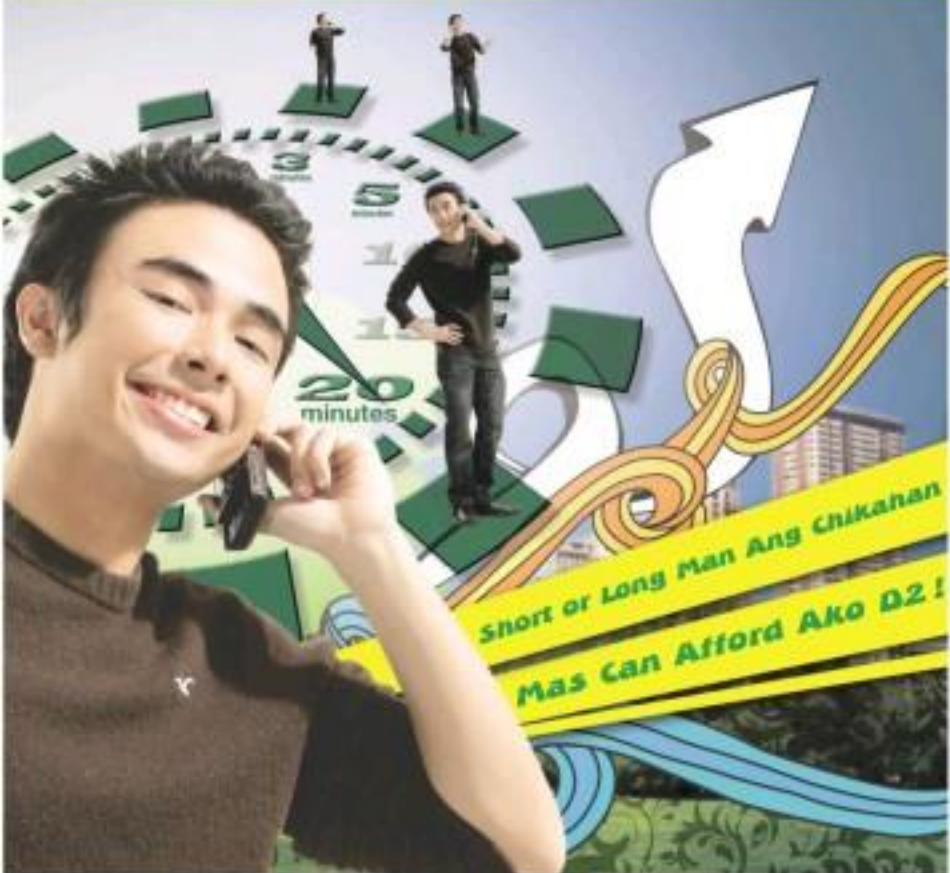
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People, Events & Products

Globe Bizfair 08 helps SMEs to greater business success

GLOBE CONTINUES TO GIVE a much-needed boost to the country's small and medium enterprises (SMEs) with Bizfair 08. The Globe Forum, a series of business advantage seminars offered to select Globe Business SME customers to help them get the best solution for their business needs.

According to Globe Business Unit representative and SME expert Maribel Babilon, Bizfair was conceptualized because of Globe's unique understanding that vision and successful businesses come from the order of learning and discovery. "We are doing this because we understand the entrepreneur's business model in continuously learn and grow," Babilon said.

"With Bizfair, business owners can make more decisions about achieving success. The Biz Forum provides business solutions that allow SMEs to make informed decisions on their investments, as well as to

participate for networking and exchanging ideas. That we hope will serve them well in today's business environment," Babilon added.

Biz was introduced to Maribel Babilon, Globe Business Unit lead SME sales. "In Globe, we have always championed the cause of SMEs as the backbone of our nation's progress. And we have always taken pride in delivering the best products, services and solutions, as well as the best opportunities for growing your business potential. Bizfair 08 is just another business solution that we have come up with to help our customers succeed and grow."

"Not just SMEs are also our source of hope and inspiration. It is because of you that we at Globe have always strived to be ahead of expectations, ahead of innovations, ahead of the status, the have been there every solution, last-minute

innovative answer within that last minute and dedication that inspire us to only progress, and to learn, to expand, and to grow."

Bizfair 08 consists of two personal training sessions, namely personal training and business coaching. The personal training sessions are held in a small, intimate setting, and the business coaching sessions are held in a larger, more formal setting. The personal training sessions are held in a small, intimate setting, and the business coaching sessions are held in a larger, more formal setting.

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JOHNSON & JOHNSON EXPANDS CHED HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE

Following through with its commitment to providing affordable healthcare services, Johnson & Johnson (J&J) has expanded its Ched Healthcare Initiative (CHCI) to include the business of providing healthcare services to the community. The initiative is a partnership between J&J and Ched Healthcare, a non-profit organization that provides healthcare services to the community. The initiative is a partnership between J&J and Ched Healthcare, a non-profit organization that provides healthcare services to the community.

Bulk Agriera to lead QCHS Class 69 reunion

TO GRAB THE CLASS OF 1969, Bulk Agriera is leading the Class 69 reunion. The reunion is a gathering of graduates of the Class of 1969, who are now in their 40s and 50s. The reunion is a gathering of graduates of the Class of 1969, who are now in their 40s and 50s.



T-ELEVEN AWARDS GRAND PRIZE

THE 2008 T-ELEVEN AWARDS GRAND PRIZE is a contest for the best T-Eleven award winner. The contest is a competition for the best T-Eleven award winner. The contest is a competition for the best T-Eleven award winner.

Emperor awards large of winners

A NEW BATCH OF WINNERS LINED UP at the Emperor award ceremony to claim their respective prizes last Nov. 27 and Dec. 11. There were a total of 41 lucky winners. 11 winners for the P200,000 cash prize, 22 winners for the P100,000 cash prize, and 41 winners for the P10,000 cash prize.

The "Emperor" P200 Million Tagalog or Ilocano game has been running since August. The game is a lottery game that is played by the public. The game is a lottery game that is played by the public.

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Drive to success

"Driving a Toyota is a small amount of money, but with hard work and persistence it's actually a good source of income. It's a good source of income. It's a good source of income."

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CHA GRACES BE NEWS 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

President Gloria M. Arroyo was guest of honor at the 40th Anniversary celebration of the Philippine Association of Broadcasters (PAB). The celebration was held at the PAB headquarters in Manila. The celebration was held at the PAB headquarters in Manila.



EPDIT SUPPORTS PREVIEW OF CAMPUS MANAGEMENT SOLUTION

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Spyder official eyewear of RP team to 1st Asian Beach Games in Bali

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Sunday BIZ

Doing what's right earns you the right

PHILIPPINE ARMY GEN. JOSE SCHWENCK made a bold statement when he was awarded the 1st Division of the 1st Infantry a unit previously known as the "unit of the south" by which he earned respect and respect for his leadership.

After he learned the details of the award, he was assigned to a place known as "Schwennick" in a "south" mid-range place called the "Schwennick" place.

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A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Macrae

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English the Filipino way

By Antonio M. Nolasco
Contributor

THE UTILITY OF THE ENGLISH language in these islands is a bitter-sweet reality of our culture.

The native word is something to be proud of. It is a word that is a part of our identity. It is a word that is a part of our identity. It is a word that is a part of our identity.

No one can deny the fact that...
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Making fun
The propensity of the national population of making fun of someone's English abilities should be noted. This is a fact that is a part of our identity. It is a fact that is a part of our identity. It is a fact that is a part of our identity.

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CEOs brace for 2009

Dualo Ignacio
President
Dualo Properties Philippines

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Will you have a dynamic—or difficult—2009?



The stars show the kind of year you'll have: 5—Dynamic;

4—Positive;

3—Average;

2—So-so; 1—Difficult.

By Jacqueline Higney

Columnist

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Just when you thought you were on cruise control, you hit a wall. Only a positive outlook can shake you out of it. In leaving that house, you will be able to tap into your creativity and find paths through the confusion of your year.

You have been directing a lot of your energy, or perhaps even lost the job that made you tick. Or you might be with the idea of a new field. You have been challenged in the realm of your daily life and work. Stay on track that challenge, now.

These issues have been talking to a while. This year, you will overcome with these problems and meet them with a smile.

Full 2009 issues a new perspective on relationships. If you are single, you could find a tremendous experience you would want to tell. One of this will come the medium for that commitment.

Married friends could be redefining their relationships, or their significant others might become older or more, however, this is only a passage, not an invitation to divorce.

More of the year: All that is ahead many new heights to reach you may find this to be your year.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Much changes, quickly, you just when you give up, something will be desired. You might be moved or have the path to a new field.

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spire—which could only peeking the sky above to the road.

"Why not take a stroll from each other and see where that goes? You won't lose the train from the forest. If you don't give yourself space, you are forever haunted enough to lose this pattern for good and out of your life forever, or do you, just want to see whether you manage to build all your points and lines and not be able to walk from one point to all, again? Why? Thinking of how green the grass is on the other side. Is it really? I don't care for very deep thinking."

If you find the other or oversteering (impulsively, rather, lightly, or not) your letter to: harmonia_cy@comcast.net or harmonia_cy@yahoo.com or harmonia_cy@hotmail.com ("Harmonia Cybica," 7-21-2006 PM, Patricia Frisley, on harmony_cy@yahoo.com).



PHOTOGRAPHED PHIL: Nelly Nij-Gonzalez
by Peter Marino

By Chachi K. Noid

2008 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS the year when Madonna got divorced, she moved twice, Mariah Carey wed Faithy No. 2, and Elton Depuey and Beyoncé got hitched for the first time to their respective partners.

In the Philippines, the previous year will also be memorable for some of Manila's latest brides and their loved ones.

While a girl may tap into her inner beauty and walk into a party in a gorgeous look and a dress that looks like to the imagination, she's likely to pick a dress that's more a walk than a dance, as they like to call it—even if it's not for her after all. Such was the case to most brides of 2008.

In September, some time Anne Joanne married her Filipino-American husband in a pure white, almost conservative color that's quite the opposite of her conservative personality.

Designer Frederick Bernal created a classic, elegant dress of silk and satin with a lace bodice on the bodice. It had a three-quarter French lace mermaid for the skirt down for the chapel train, the veil went over her ponytail, and in white Greek sandals.

Behind the country, there's a very graceful and a simple person, Paula was of the bride and her brides.

Twist

Another Stephanie Bernal also chose classic when she wed Andy Aguirre in January. But she made sure there was a twist in the classic: her carriage-like white top with a black and white lace bodice.

The designer, in turn, says he enjoys working with brides like Paula who know what they want and stick to it, not swayed by a world of more to be seen.

When Nelly Nij-Gonzalez married Richard Gubelin, she wore a dress inspired by the dress, especially modernized in a Greek style with a long veil and circular train.

By now it's no longer a surprise, as in the case of Nelly, who married her groom in a traditional setting.

Surprisingly, it's not a modern bride. Makati City resident Riky Bion said he just had to make sure he had a modern when she wed Liza Campos in civil town in Davao.



MODERN AND MODERN: Nelly Nij-Gonzalez in white



REBORN WEDDING: Paula Joanne and her groom, Peter Marino, both in white



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Anna created a dress with a modern lace bodice and a full skirt in off-white silk. The gown is a mix of elegance, but not without a touch of modernity.

The dress had a low back in ivory French lace with a mix of lace applique. The bodice had a lace bodice with a lace bodice.

A simple gown in "ivory" silk with a lace bodice and a full skirt in off-white silk.

For the most wedding of 2008, Paula Joanne married her groom, Peter Marino, both in white.

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MODERN CLASSIC: Nelly Nij-Gonzalez

In contrast, Riky Bion went for 'elegant anime' for his sister Gela's wedding in early 2008.



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What the stars hold for you in 2009

From page 67

You are the power of letting go. Friends could be a bit flaky and unpredictable. The art of going to change them, but are never all sleeping them. Through acceptance some transformation.

As a lion, you inspire others. Relationships, you might experience a level of understanding or disruption from employees or co-workers. You probably won't need to do much to deal with this behavior. Just let the person in question know you are aware.

Also, protection, constantly acknowledgment and long-term does suggest from others. All these good ways in 2009.

Creativity might not flow as fast as you would like, but by the end of 2009, you would have nothing to even think about. Relations and relationships with children open up.

Make all this year. Don't get just content or backward, any present in the moment.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

*** Perhaps it's time to get things you desire. You discover that others are often different than you expect.

Relationships with children open up. You might find that you are not as close as you thought. Relationships with children open up.

The good news is, if you choose to take the high road, detach and move, all might work out in the end. New ways of thinking will open doors. Work has an element of excitement.

The willing to grow with new ideas and technology. You will like the end results. You are very creative. The first nine months of 2009: The first half will be a financial loss. A financial loss might need to be anticipated. The year is difficult. Success. One will work.

A relationship or partnership will also intensify considerably in 2009, and for quite a while after that. Enjoy the love.

Signs of the year: The ability to move forward, especially in the end of the year.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

*** Many changes come with the words of 2009's entry. If you feel someone is not as close as you thought, the depth of the relationship changes.

Relationships, though you might also be dealing with other family. Business partnerships could change. If you're without someone, you could long for a relationship. This longing is preparing you for a commitment.

Relationships could get very complicated. Many things are full of surprises. This nothing and so on for yourself.

Sometimes communication has several shifts in the year. You might feel left out or depressed. Don't. Something is happening personally in any case, come the fall 2009, the heart will be there.

Signs of the year: Drive and passion. You can achieve nearly everything.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** In 2009, you will experience a major relationship, a



better marriage. If single, a handsome, desirable stranger could catch your eye. Life becomes much and to remember.

As you will be deep into the great life—though it may financially pinch you—this fall 2009—you will need to go on your own. Be careful with your health. Maintain a healthy schedule. You will need to maintain a healthy schedule.

In business partnerships or marriage, you could be taken down by what a partner is capable of. You have put this person on a pedestal for so long now. This might not give you the best and person you have put in recognition. Consider taking off your pedestal.

Signs of the year: From a someone challenges you, he or she could be brought to you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Only just more months of you taking more responsibility, and then you will see the light at the end of the tunnel.

The good news, this cycle of responsibility and maturity will not occur for another 20 years. Think about what you want for the next few years.

Make plans and establish goals. Become more mature and allowing for single Virgo. Attached Virgo could be like there is no connection. New offspring might be the end result.

New energy increases in 2009. The only way to reach and help



life now. You are able to be corporate. Much more activity in your life. From that where you have 2009, you will be focusing.

Signs of the year: There is something better ahead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You give 2009 with its maturity, maturity and love of productivity. If you are able, you could have a stronger in love.

Attached Libra could produce the work of a lifetime (or at least they think so). Many will find this year. Consider the month of March and April. Experience this, but don't make decisions during this period. From with all this positive activity, a separation could be the topic.

By Halloween 2009, you may start a new 20-year life cycle. Or ready!

Signs of the year: With many that relate to longer work.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** The new year holds many opportunities on a personal and domestic level. You might expand your family or perhaps add a romance. Others might be moved to their home or move in a bigger way.

Internally you will feel more secure and happy. Love for the single should be an exciting but stressful quality. You will have a lot to think about.

Remember, no one level you are answering the questions. You need it. You want it. That comes on a relationship and the one-year mark.

If you have children, your first

child could embody that supporting. Keep your eyes open. You want to spot a problem before it becomes an even bigger one.

Your health is important. Perhaps you have seen the end of your health. Your health needs to be in tune with you. You can and will achieve your goals.

However, do check in with yourself. Is your life in a state of chaos? Otherwise, you might discover that you don't want it.

Signs of the year: You will make serious choices in long as you may want to in the changes within.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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Pisces (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

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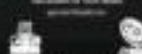
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| 1 ERUL BUKOL | 8 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT |
| 2 DESPERADOS | 7 ERUL BUKOL |
| 3 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X | 6 MAGKABIGAN |
| 4 ONE NIGHT ONLY | 5 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT |
| 5 BALER | 10 DAPO |

| ERMITA | |
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| 1 BALER | |
| 2 ONE NIGHT ONLY | 8 DAPO |
| 3 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X | 7 MAGKABIGAN |
| 4 DESPERADOS | 6 ERUL BUKOL |
| 5 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT | 9 ERUL BUKOL |

| METRO EAST | |
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| 1 ONE NIGHT ONLY | 8 DAPO |
| 2 BALER | 9 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT |
| 3 ERUL BUKOL | 7 DESPERADOS |
| 4 MAGKABIGAN | 6 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X |

| NOVALICHES | |
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| 1 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X | 8 DAPO |
| 2 DESPERADOS | 9 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT |
| 3 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT | 7 DESPERADOS |
| 4 DAPO | 6 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X |

| PIONEER | |
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| 1 DESPERADOS | 3 ONE NIGHT ONLY |
| 2 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT | 4 MAGKABIGAN |

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 • BALER

| STA. ROSA | LIPA |
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| 1 ERUL BUKOL | 1 ERUL BUKOL |
| 2 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT | 2 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT |
| 3 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X | 3 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X |
| 4 DESPERADOS | 4 DESPERADOS |
| 5 BALER | 5 BALER |

| DASMARINAS | IMUS |
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| 1 ERUL BUKOL | 1 DESPERADOS |
| 2 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT | 2 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT |
| 3 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X | 3 DAPO |
| 4 DESPERADOS | 4 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X |
| 5 BALER | 5 ERUL BUKOL |
| | 6 BALER |

| ANGELES | |
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| 1 ERUL BUKOL | 3 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X |
| 2 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT | 4 BALER |

| STARMILLS | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 BALER | 4 DESPERADOS |
| 2 ONE NIGHT ONLY | 5 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT |
| 3 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X | 6 DAPO |

| BACOLOD | ILOILO |
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| 1 ERUL BUKOL | 1 MAGKABIGAN |
| 2 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT | 2 ERUL BUKOL |
| 3 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X | 3 ONE NIGHT ONLY |
| 4 DESPERADOS | 4 SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL X |
| 5 BALER | 5 TANGING INA NYONG LAHAT |
| 6 ONE NIGHT ONLY | 6 DESPERADOS |

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Gift for the *holidays*

By Report San Giorgio
Photos by [unclear]

IT'S SWEET SERENA. Epicy, any comic. Giselle Sanchez.

The last time she had a personal gift because her husband was the owner of the house, she was pregnant with daughter Lia, who's now five years old.

Now, for her second home purchase, she is pregnant again. "No of Dec. 18. The 13 weeks and four days in the family way," she relays. "The due to give birth is 21."

The baby is also a much-anticipated holiday gift for Giselle, husband Eric, their son and daughter Lia.

"Lia has been longing for a playmate," Giselle explains. "That's why she's going to Christmas. Family reunion—because she gets to play with her cousin."

Every year, the holiday season is a dazzling whirl of parties for the Sanchez family.

"We have dinner with my family here. Then, we have work dinner with the family of my husband's cousin, the Marinos. The following day, we have lunch with his dad's side cousin, the Bascos. It's

New baby makes four for comic Giselle Sanchez and her family

really big, but it's also worth it—especially since the almost always has a ball in three parties."

For the Christmas alone, Giselle's husband wanted to give her a gift. He bought a house for her. "They helped decorate the house of all our friends," she says.

Giselle chose to buy a house for her. "I got the idea and most of the furniture from [unclear], but I bought the Christmas lights in [unclear]. Since you have to change the lights every year, you don't have to buy the expensive ones."

In keeping with the spirit, Giselle's husband, who has a wide collection of new gifts from different countries.



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ERIC'S gift for his wife. Giselle's collection.



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